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BRUNO FRIEDRICH, THE SPD DEPUTY CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF ORGANIZING THE GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTION AND WITH CONTACTING OTHER LIKE-MINDED PARTIES, HAS TOLD US THE FOLLOWING ABOUT PROGRESS ON HIS SIDE'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELECTION:

-- AT A MEETING IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEKEND, THE ELEVEN SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PARTIES AGREED ON A COMMON PLATFORM. FRIEDRICH, WHO CHAIRED THE MEETING, APPEARED VERY PROUD OF THE PLATFORM. HE SAID IT REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE MODERATE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, CORRESPONDING ROUGHLY TO THE MIDDLE POSITION OF THE SPD.

-- THE PARTIES ALSO AGREED ON A COMMON EMBLEM, WHICH CONSISTS OF A SQUARE BUTTON IN WHICH A SYMBOLIC WHITE ARROW POINTS TO THE UPPER RIGHT-HAND CORNER ON A RED FIELD. FRIEDRICH SAID THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW WAS INTENDED
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TO SHOW THE DESIRE OF THE PARTIES FOR PROGRESS AND WAS NOT TO BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION OF POLITICAL DIRECTION.

-- THERE WILL BE A CONVENTION OF THE ELEVEN PARTIES IN JANUARY. THAT CONVENTION, TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS, WILL PREPARE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS AND PLANS IN MORE DETAIL. IN PASSING, FRIEDRICH NOTED THAT THERE WERE ELEVEN PAR-

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TIES BECAUSE ITALY HAD TWO AND BECAUSE NORTHERN IRELAND HAD A SEPARATE PARTY.

-- EVEN THOUGH THE SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES APPEAR READY TO CONDUCT A COMMON CAMPAIGN AND AN ENERGETIC ONE, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THEY CAN COMMAND A MAJORITY OF THE ASSEMBLY. THAT MAJORITY, AND WITH IT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ASSEMBLY, WILL PROBABLY GO TO THE CONSERVATIVES.
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